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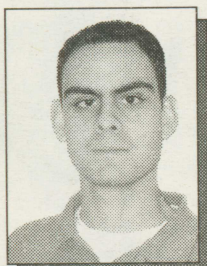
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Corrections

An article "Professor to Speak on Communication Disorders" in the February 3 edition incorrectly described assistant professor Bailey Wang as an associate professor.
An article "Nevarez Signs Proclamation Establishing Tolerance Week" in the February 8 edition refers to a SGA forum panelist as 'deaf.' The panelist is hearing impaired.
The Pan American regrets the errors.

Opinion

letters ■ editorials

Editorial excerpts

A condensed look at views expressed on various topics across the nation

U.S. should stay out of kidnapping business

Since when did the American government get into the kidnapping business?

If this boy [Elián Gonzalez] were American, there'd be no question about where he belongs. In America, we believe that children belong with their parents.

This having been said, it follows that aunts, uncles and other relatives have no say in the care and disposition of a child found to have at least one suitable parent. The law says he must be returned to

Cuba. Hopefully, our government will come to its senses and do what the Immigration and Naturalization Service has ruled should be done - reunite Elián with his father.

- Urhanda Lewis,
Colorado Daily - University of Colorado

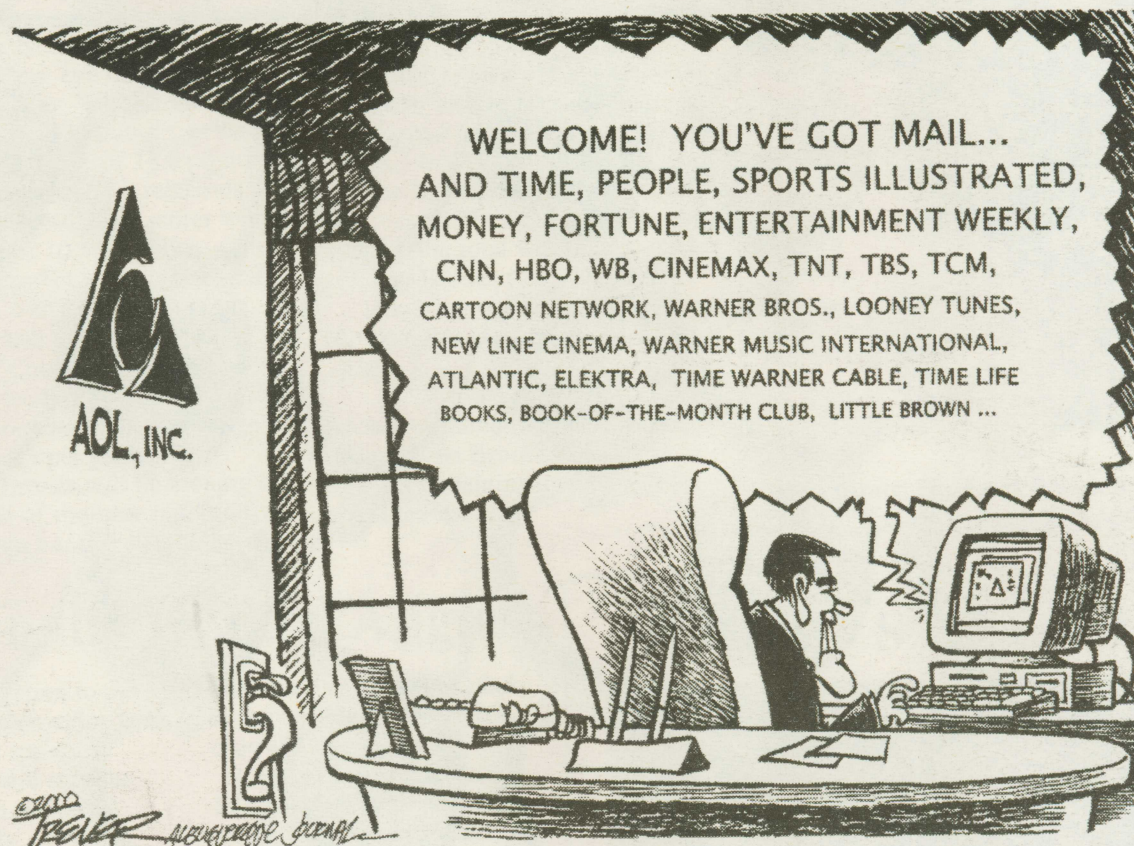
South Carolina should retire the Confederate Flag

The Confederate battle flag floating atop the state capitol in Columbia, S.C., presents a critical choice to state Republicans.

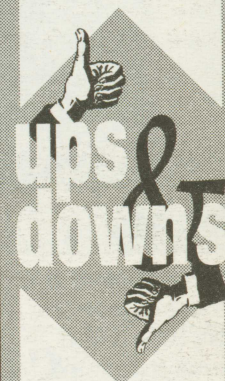
Republican officials have coddled the Confederates. A few GOP lawmakers have offered helpful compromises, but the most vocal have wrapped themselves in the flag, often feeding racial tensions by vituperative rhetoric. No major Republican leader has shown enough moral courage or political vision to call for the flag's removal.

Republicans must reject the temptation to be the party of the old, white South ... and the first step to this party renewal is retiring the flag.

- Brent Nelsen,
The Providence Journal



■ Thumbs up to President Bill Clinton visiting the Valley Wednesday.



■ Thumbs down to studying late and then having to wake early in the morning.

The Pan American's View

Being single on Valentine's Day a good thing

Mireya Villarreal
The Pan American

Single people have to put up with a lot more than constant displays of affection in public. Those that don't have a significant other are also constantly reminded of how alone they are.

Everywhere we turn there's a billboard ad or commercial with beautiful people who are madly in love - the perfect couple.

Putting a man or woman in this position sometimes leaves them feeling lonely, depressed or perhaps even abnormal. They are sometimes lonely because they don't have anyone to share special moments with.

When loneliness becomes too much to handle, depression then can set in. The feeling of abnormality comes from the thought of being the only one who doesn't have somebody - even if that's

'The act of being a couple is just as tough as being single'
not true.

On the other hand, some people consider the single life as a key that can open various doors.

Being a single person on-the-go allows you to have fun, meet new people, save money and better understand yourself.

As a single person you have the opportunity to go out anytime you want and have as much fun as a Saturday night can offer. There's no doubt that being single saves you money which you would normally spend on presents, flowers and expensive dinners celebrating every two week anniversary that comes along.

The act of being a couple is just as tough as being single.

If you're one of those people who have someone to share your life with, great. But what I don't understand is

why couples fight all the time and yet they act fine in front of everyone else. Not only that, but they constantly buy into the whole flowers, candy, and dinner thing.

Don't get me wrong, not all couples are like this; but a lot of them are.

Couples that don't buy into the commercialism of this Valentine's Day holiday, good for you.

It is you that all of us admire, respect and sometimes even envy.

For those of us, myself included, who like to spend some extra money on Valentine's Day, don't worry. You're not alone. Just remember that good things come in small packages.

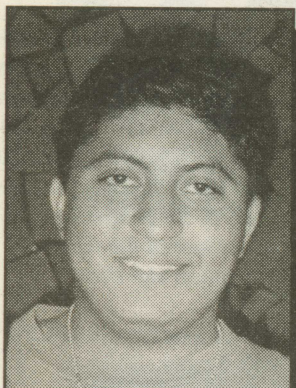
Or is it, big is better?

Hold on, isn't it diamonds are forever. No, I got it! It's the thought that counts.

Q&A

Has UTPA met your expectations?

— Dalia Castilleja

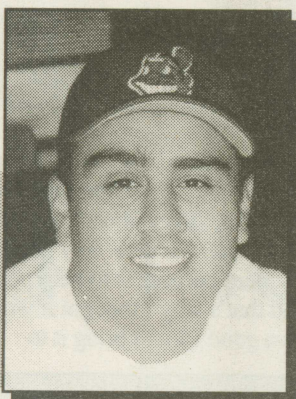


Paul Coronado
Senior
Biology

Yes. People here are as qualified as most other universities. I've seen this through previous graduates and their effort is noted. Resources are here for what ever you want to do, its all up to you.

Chris Duque
Senior
Political Science

Yes. When I came here my expectations were extremely low. There are crappy professors... crappy... crappy... crappy. They have a lot to learn.



Melissa Garcia
Senior
Education

No. Having come from STCC, I see differences. Even though this is a big university, it's the indifferent attitude I see and the lack of student orientation.



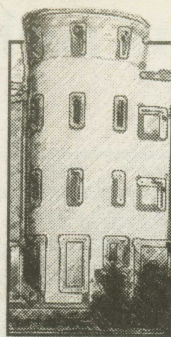
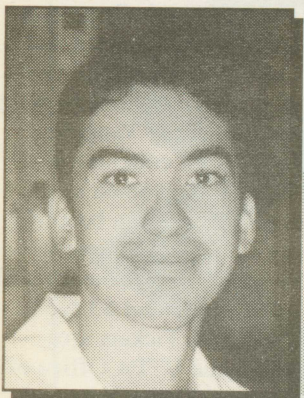
Flor Morales
Senior
Communication

Yes. Professors are very friendly and helpful. It's a family oriented department. I believe my department has met my expectations and helped me a lot at both a personal and professional level.



Robert Moreno
Senior
Pre-Med

Yes. It surpassed my expectations. Two things stand out. It's been very helpful as far information availability and as a link to fulfilling my career goals. If anything, financial aid has been very helpful.



Campus

news briefs

Duke Energy contributes \$30,000 to assist service centers at annex

Special to the Pan American

UTPA accepted a \$30,000 contribution Monday from Duke Energy Foundation to benefit service centers housed at the University Annex.

The donation generated an additional \$20,000 from Norwest Bank and together with another \$400,000 in private commitments from several foundations will help the University acquire the former Wal-Mart building in Edinburg.

"Duke Energy is glad to play a part in helping UTPA in their fund-raising efforts," said J.B. McKinney, Duke Energy project director. "I hope our

I hope our partnership with UTPA will continue to mature and grow.

— J.B. McKinney,
Duke Energy project director

partnership with UTPA will continue to mature and grow."

The Duke Energy and Norwest Bank contributions, coupled with other pledges of support, will generate \$450,000 towards the \$1 million purchase price of the building. Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.

lowered its original selling price of \$1.5 million to \$1 million after discussions with Dr. Miguel A. Nevárez, UTPA president.

"Duke Energy's civic responsibilities are very high. This is a company that is going to invest in the community," Nevárez said. "We're very grateful for this gift to the University, and we hope to reciprocate by offering our services to Duke Energy. It's a great two-way street."

The acquisition and remodeling of the facility will make it possible for the University to continue to house a number of vital public

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Clinton attends McAllen fundraiser

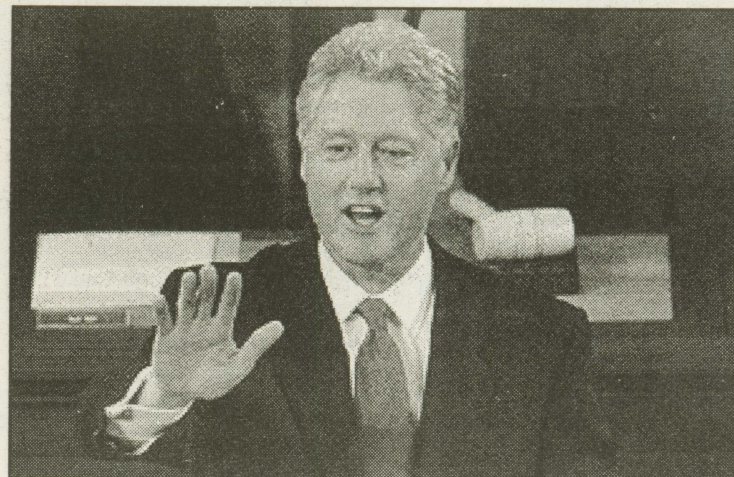
Miguel Liscano, Jr.
The Pan American

President Bill Clinton visited McAllen Wednesday to attend two fundraisers for the Democratic National Committee (DNC) and Ruben Hinojosa.

Clinton attended a 30 minute health care forum at the home of Dr. Jesus Saenz where over thirty health care professionals met with him to discuss border health. Julie Lynn Erps, a UTPA student, works with a physician who spoke with Clinton yesterday. She said one of the main topics was how to remedy the problem with indigent patients in the Valley.

According to Erps there is also a problem with hospitals owned by companies up north not re-investing money in the valley. She also said it is always good when the President comes to valley because this allows local people to present issues to him.

"When these politicians come down and we throw ideas at them, I think the main focus is that its personalized. When the issues are personalized, I really



— TMS Campus College

President Clinton, pictured here during last month's State of the Union Address, visited McAllen Wednesday for a Democratic Fundraiser that raised about \$350,000.

think it affects voters," said Veronica Abrigo, UTPA student.

After the forum, Clinton spoke at a DNC fundraiser in the same house. The President then attended a \$1,000 a plate luncheon to raise \$350,000 for Hinojosa.

This is the third time President Clinton has visited the Rio Grande Valley in two years, and the second time he was also here for a fundraiser.

Some people feel the valley has been forgotten and 30 minutes is not enough to listen to Valley issues when, according to McAllen City Manager Mike Perez, taxpayers paid about \$10,000 for extra police protection.

"They come down here and it's a lot of special interest groups who are benefiting from it. I don't think that you and I are," said UTPA student Rhonda Gomez.



—Nelson J. Gonzalez/The Pan American

Members of the various student organizations participated in a silent march for Tolerance Tuesday. From left, Juan Regalado, Chalam Mulukutla, Clara Aguilar, Romeo Flores and Lisa Uresti lead the march through UTPA walkways.

Students march in silence

Daniel García Ordaz
The Pan American

A group of 25 students and staff held a "Silent March" around the campus walkway Tuesday afternoon in observance of "Tolerance Week." Members of El Sexto Sol de MEChA, GLOBAL, LULAC, Delta Zeta sorority and Delta Upsilon Fraternity joined student government officers in the walk.

The marchers held signs reading "Tolerance is Diversity" and "Intolerance is Ignorance" as they walked in silence once around the covered sidewalk that winds across the UTPA campus.

"A lot of people got to read our signs," said Romeo Flores, SGA senator. "I think people got the message that we wanted to convey."

SGA also handed out light-blue ribbons to participants and students to draw attention to "Tolerance Week."

"The only thing I know is that as long as they don't interfere with my ideas or my way of thinking, they can do whatever they want," said Antonio Gutierrez, student.

Senior Dante Gonzalez said he

has not seen any racism in three years of attending UTPA.

"Honestly, it's difficult to say that there's some kind of intolerance, because most of us are Latinos," Gonzalez said. "It's difficult to say. Maybe we might segregate because of our customs."

The march was unique because student organizations have historically been asked to limit their protests to specific areas, such as the UC Circle.

Section 10 of the 1998-2000 Student Guide reads, in part, "Students, faculty, or staff, or a registered organization, with aprior written authorization, may petition, post signs, set up booths, or peacefully demonstrate on property owned by the University."

According to the Dean of Students office, students and organizations must turn in a "green form" to gain permission for campus activities.

"Obviously we wouldn't take away students' rights," said Karen Kramer, coordinator of student development, in reference to approving protest locations. "We take it on a case-by-case basis."



—Matt McCain/The Pan American

Sophomore business major Manuel Gallegos registers to vote Wednesday during the SGA sponsored event.

Student seeks support for NAACP chapter

Melissa Soto
The Pan American

A proposed campus chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People could have enough student support by next semester for the organization to establish itself at UTPA.

Mercy Edionwe, an 18-year old UTPA student and NAACP member, has lead the movement to establish a chapter at UTPA after Beverly Friddle, RGV NAACP president gave her the idea in July.

"You need ten people to actually start a chapter, for it to be an organization at UTPA," Edionwe said. "I've gotten several supporters to join, but I still need more."

Edionwe's efforts to recruit range from informing students to distributing information.

"Sometimes I would have the NAACP papers and be handing them out and telling people I was interested in starting a chapter," Edionwe said. "If they were interested, I would take their name, their personal information, their e-

"I felt there was a need for a chapter like this. Its main purpose is to help people, and that's why I thought it would be a good idea to bring it to UTPA."

— Mercy Edionwe,
NAACP member

mail address and keep it on file."

Although the local NAACP supports Edionwe, on campus she works alone and on her own time.

"In between classes I talk to students here and there about it, and I pass out pamphlets," Edionwe said.

"I felt there was a need for a chapter like this. When you look at the NAACP and the effects it had on people, it's been very positive. Its main purpose is to help people, and that's why I thought it would be a good idea to bring it to

UTPA."

Edionwe wants to create awareness and promote plans for the chapter before completing the paperwork to found the campus chapter.

"We're known for helping people with their rights, but we also look at other aspects of their life," Edionwe said.

"In the NAACP there are several committees within it. They evaluate the concerns of the people and make them aware of the rights of people, education and even housing."

Edionwe emphasizes NAACP welcomes all races.

"In order to start you have to have people who agree with the issues and concern of the NAACP; you don't have to be black to join," Edionwe said. "The original people who started this program were white and black, so any race is welcome to join."

Anyone interested in helping Edionwe start a student NAACP campus chapter can reach her at kimlittle@hotmail.com or the RGV NAACP at 687-7305.

Dance ensemble to perform spring dance concert

Special to the Pan American

The UTPA Dance Ensemble will present its Spring Dance Concert Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. in the UTPA Fine Arts Auditorium.

This year's concert will feature six dance works, which span the Dance Ensemble's 15-year history. The concert will open with "Dark Moon Rising," followed by "A Dance for My Daughters," a mother's message to her daughters.

The first half of the concert will conclude with "Passages," an expansive work set to a haunting and mystical score.

The second half of the program will begin with "Earthshine," a solo dance set to popular music, including tunes recorded by Frank Sinatra and Judy Collins. "Red Shift," first danced in 1984, will follow with evocative music by Vangelis. The concert will conclude with "Still Waters," a women's quartet performed to a beautiful score by Loreena McKennitt.

Admission for the concert will be \$7 at the door and \$3 for UTPA students. Tickets are available at the UTPA Office of Payments and Collections and the Chamber of Commerce in Edinburg.



—Special to The Pan American

Duke Energy Foundation presented a \$30,000 donation to UTPA to benefit centers housed within the University Annex. From left are Roland Arriola, J.B. McKinney, Miguel Nevarez, and Irene Sanchez-Casas.

Contribution

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service programs, including the Southwest Border Nonprofit Resource Center, the Minority Business Opportunity Center, the Women's Empowerment Business Center, the Small Business Development Center, the One Stop Capital Shop and other academic and community education programs.

"Duke Energy has become a good friend of the University, and plans are underway at the University to host their national corporate board meeting on the campus in March," said Roland S. Arriola, vice president for External Affairs. "Wal-Mart has been a good partner over the years—having donated more than

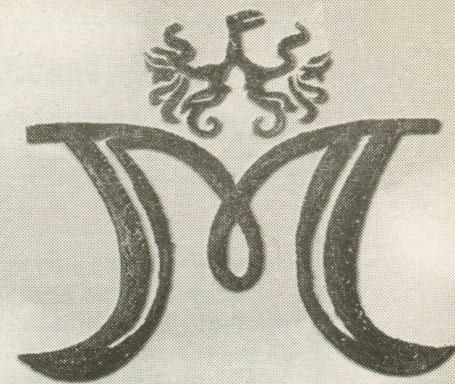
\$1 million in scholarships and gifts-in-kind to the University."

Duke Energy, headquartered in Charlotte, N.C., serves customers and creates shareholder value through an integrated network of energy assets and energy experts. Its businesses manage a multi-national portfolio of energy supply, delivery and trading assets valued at approximately \$30 billion.

"Since the work we do in these community service centers depends on the funding we get from outside sources, this donation is very important," said Irene Sanchez-Casas, UTPA Corporate and Foundation Support director.

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Forgotten Love

Commercialism may dictate the worth of another's love on Valentine's Day

Melissa Soto
The Pan American

Valentine's Day did not always mean red roses, expensive jewelry, big teddy bears and heart shaped balloons.

Although evidence of the traditional exchanging of poetry and cards date back to literature of the 14th and 15th centuries, poets and authors unofficially designated February 14 as the day of love from a belief that halfway through the second month of the year birds began to pair.

However, some students believe the romantic origin gave way to television and advertisers who use

commercialism to turn Valentine's Day into just another reason to spend money.

"Every year it keeps on accumulating, accumulating, accumulating, until one day it will be like every girl has to get a diamond or she won't be happy," Lydia De La Garza, UTPA student said.

Moises Casas, UTPA student, argues company commercial tactics aim at more than just profits.

"You've got to see past that a lot of companies do make a lot of money from it," Casas said. "I see it as a day to remind each other of the love you have. A lot of people get into their careers, some people are doctors and they are always on call, and they have

the duty of taking care of the kids and providing for them. I think both parents get caught up with taking care of the kids and their careers that they need to be reminded to take the time to recognize the love they shared before their careers took over."

Others like Katie DeMerville, a UTPA student, believes commercialism robbed Valentine's Day of all romantic creativity.

"I think it has conditioned men to think women want hearts and candy and little teddy bears and it gives the idea that women are superficial and materialistic," DeMerville said. "Men should do things like run hot baths, rub women's back and listen to them. Women should also do for men what

Stores raise prices, increase profits for Valentine's Day

H. Farwa Naqvi
The Pan American

February marks the coming of Valentine's Day - a day for lovers everywhere to express their love and affections, often through monetary means. The holiday often referred to as commercial may force consumers to splurge on items deemed appropriate by Hallmark, sometimes at outrageous prices.

"I think it's just another day for the greeting card companies to make money, we've done with it what we've done with Christmas and every other holiday. It's just become so commercialized," said Maribel Alvarez.

Some establishments take advantage of the fact that individuals will be purchasing certain products for their loved ones. Because, according

to Caroline Robles at Regency Jewelers, Valentine's Day is the second busiest holiday for most merchants, the supply and demand principle comes into play at many stores and restaurants.

Florists, such as those at Juanita's Flower Shop in McAllen, raise their prices on roses - the international symbol of love. According to Jorge Sanchez about two days before Valentine's day, the prices rise a little on everything, but almost double on roses.

"Prices usually go up on mother's day and valentine's day, sometimes double on the roses," said Sanchez.

Other places, such as Ianelli's Italian restaurant, are offering special services for the special day - at a special price.

"We don't raise our prices, we have a special menu," said owner Peter Ianelli. Because the "special

menu" consists of "exotic dishes" using "more upscale products," Mr. Ianelli concludes that, yes, "they do cost more."

Ianelli's expects four times the business on one of their busiest days but their selection, although ranging in variety, is limited.

The regular menu will not be offered because of the increased demand verses the "small amount of resources and people" available at the "upscale" restaurant.

"If we used the full menu it would require a great deal of preparation and slow down cooking time. There's not enough room and people for our type of restaurant," he continued.

The Olive Garden on the other hand is doing nothing to prepare for the upcoming holiday.

"Traditionally we're very busy, but there's no need to gauge anybody on Valentine's Day," said Martin F.

STUDENT POLL

Has Valentine's Day become too commercialized?

YES
75%
NO
25%

Results are based on a small sampling of UTPA students.



"Every year it keeps on accumulating, accumulating, accumulating, until one day it will be like every girl has to get a diamond or she won't be happy."

— Lydia De La Garza,
UTPA student

expression Valentine's Day

they expect to be done for them, women should not only be on the receiving side."

Most Valentine's Day advertising focuses on gifts for women, but Casas says men enjoy recognition also.

"Men like flowers, too," Casas said. "I've gotten them myself and it makes you feel special. It was something nice."

Though there are many gift possibilities, Sandra Barrientos, UTPA student, would prefer just three little words.

"I love you" comes straight from the heart," Barrientos said. "I don't care about the material stuff, only the feelings."

or day of love

the general manager for the Olive Garden in McAllen.

There is another type of business, one which might be considered consumer friendly, like Party Universe, which starts setting up Valentine's displays on the first day of the new year to accommodate customers' needs.

"We set up early for customer service, especially Winter Texans who are so on top of things," said owner Joanna Crane.

Because balloon sales increase, along with arrangements and cards, Crane lowers the price on Valentine balloons.

Another such establishment is Frederick's of Hollywood in La Plaza Mall. Frederick's, according to Lilly Perez, sets up about a month in advance "just to start selling." Special lingerie and some regular products are on sale for the occasion.

History of Valentine's Day

One Valentine's Day myth states Saint Valentine as a religious prisoner received letters in his cell from devoted followers, who started the tradition of exchanging cards in remembrance of Valentine after his execution. But at least three different Saint Valentines existed, all suffering martyrs, according to the *Catholic Encyclopedia*. The early martyrologies mention two, one a Roman priest and the other a bishop of Iteramna (modern Terni) under February 14. Both rest in the Flaminian Way (present day Porta del Poplo), formally the Gate of Saint Valentine, after suffering in the second half of the third century. Nothing is known of the third Saint Valentine except that he suffered in Africa, along with several companions.

— Melissa Soto,
The Pan American

Q&A ■ How do you expect your significant other to be especially romantic on Valentine's Day?

— Melissa Soto/The Pan American



Carmen Rincon

freshman ■ biology

"Flowers, dinner, something like that."



Ariana De la Garza

freshman ■ biology

"I want him to do something for me, it doesn't have to be real expensive. He doesn't have to buy me anything. Just by a letter that will do it, or a card."



Jennifer Molina

sophomore ■ psychology

"He never gets me anything. I would like him to send me roses to my work, that would be very nice. Maybe take me out to eat and go dancing."



Anna Garza

freshman ■ English

"Hopefully a 'Happy Valentine's Day' and a card at least, so I'll know that he at least remembered it. That's about it, I'm not expecting much."



Edna Suarez

sophomore ■ physical therapy

"I don't know, he's really a spontaneous guy, so I really don't know what to expect from him. He'll leave stuff in my room so I'll come home and find them."



Sylvia Grajales

sophomore ■ marketing

"I don't. My best friends are going to be my romantic people on Valentine's Day."

Q&A ■ Do you feel pressured by your significant other to be especially romantic on Valentine's Day?

— H. Farwa Naqvi/The Pan American



Rene Garza

senior ■ philosophy/studio art

"I wouldn't say pressured. I'd say it would feel cheap, it would feel insincere if I did do something because it's called on me to do so."



Carlos Garcia

junior ■ engineering

"Yeah, because of the day they expect for you to go out of your way and make something special for them because everyone else is doing it."



Matt Rocksvold

senior ■ engineering

"I don't think that just because it's Valentine's Day it should be time to go out and spend money on unnecessary things. They raise prices on everything."



Ted Rocha

junior ■ English

"No, because of that holiday I just go out and do it. I don't feel forced, it's just an incentive."



Michael Amadeo

senior ■ nursing

"I feel that Valentine's Day is just a day set aside to spend with your girlfriend where there are no other interruptions."



Gabriel Grajales

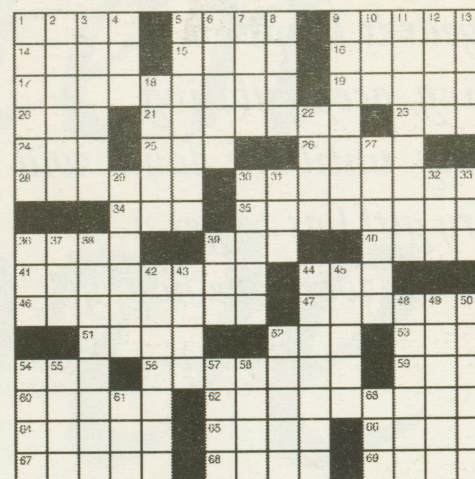
junior ■ philosophy

"No, because I feel that Valentine's Day is commercialized just like every other holiday in the United States. It should be just like every other day."



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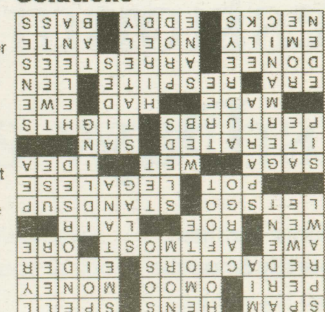
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FEBRUARY

10 ACTIVITY: The Political Science Association is hosting a debate on Elian Gonzales between Dr. Freeman and Dr. Pollinard from noon to 1 p.m. in SBSC 101.

10 ACTIVITY: The Student Government Association is hosting a panel discussion directed by Assistant Dean David Mariscal with speakers from noon - 1 p.m. starting in the U.C. Building as part of "Tolerance Week."

10 MEETING: The Psychology Club is meeting from noon - 1 p.m. in SBSC 103.

10 WORKSHOP: The Department of English, in conjunction with the Writers & Readers Organization, is presenting a workshop for writers of poetry and fiction directed by Dr. Andrew Kaufman from noon - 1 p.m. in COAS 268.

10 BASKETBALL: Lady Broncs vs. Centenary College at 7 p.m. in the Fieldhouse.

11 BASEBALL: Broncs vs. Texas A&M at 3 p.m. in the Jody Ramsey Stadium.

11 ACTIVITY: The University Program Board is sponsoring a Black History Month presentation at 7:30 p.m. in the University Ballroom. The primary

event will be a dramatic presentation by the Women's Ministry of the Metropolitan Community Church of San Antonio, focusing on the Martin Luther King speech, "I Have A Dream."

12-13 ACTIVITY: The UTPA Dance Ensemble is performing a Spring Dance Concert at 8 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

12 BASEBALL: Broncs vs. Texas A&M (Doubleheader) at 3 p.m. in the Jody Ramsey Stadium.

12 BASKETBALL: Lady Broncs vs. Belmont at 5 p.m. in the Fieldhouse.

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14 ACTIVITY: The BACCHUS and GAMMA Peer Education Network is sponsoring Sexual Responsibility Week by offering a 'marriage' booth from noon - 1 p.m. in front of the UC.

15 WORKSHOP: The Office of the Dean of Students are hosting a spring recruitment fair for student organizations from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the north quad. Student organizations will have information booths for students interested in joining them.

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Broncs contain Fairweather, but still fall

Sports Information

In their last meeting, the Broncs weren't able to stop Golden Panther guard Marshod Fairweather, as he scored 28 points and had six steals.

This time around, the Broncs limited Fairweather to four points, but failed to stop the other starters.

Darius Cook led four Golden Panthers in double figures with 21 points as Florida International University ran out to a 10-point halftime lead and held off a strong comeback attempt by UTPA for an 82-65 win in men's basketball action at Golden Panther Arena on Monday night.

The first half of the game was a back-and-forth affair with 12 lead changes and six ties. UTPA stayed close for the first 13 minutes, but a 14-4 FIU run to end the half gave the Golden Panthers a 36-26 lead at the break.

The Golden Panthers quickly extended their lead to 14 points at the start of the second half. But Watara Banks scored 10 of his 17 points during a 14-2 run that pulled UTPA within two at 47-45. FIU responded with a 21-7 run to extend the lead out to 16 points. FIU never trailed after that.

Just 20 seconds into the game the Broncs suffered a key loss when Kyle Sanders took a forearm to the mouth and was forced to sit out the rest of the game.

Gary Booker tied his career high with 10 points and pulled down five rebounds off the bench. Banks' 17 points was his second highest total of the season. Brian



Box Score

Starting Five	pts	rbd	a	to	blks	stls	min
Braxton, John	4	9	0	5	0	2	31
Sanders, Kyle	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Banks, Watara	17	5	5	6	0	1	35
Kwasinda, Curtis	2	3	3	4	0	2	23
Merriweather, Brian	26	5	1	0	0	2	37



Box Score

Starting Five	pts	rbd	a	to	blks	stls	min
Brown, Jabahri	7	7	2	0	3	1	23
Cook, Darius	21	7	2	2	2	0	28
Fairweather, Marshod	4	2	1	6	0	2	32
Arroyo, Carlos	16	1	5	5	0	3	34
Robinson, Sylbrin	11	10	3	1	0	5	28

Merriweather had his normal strong outing with a game high 26 points, including four three-point baskets.

Darius Cook led four Golden Panthers in

double figures with 21 points. Sylbrin Robinson posted a double-double with 10 points and 11 rebounds.

Stars & Stats

BASEBALL

Bronc Dustin Hass at three at bats, was able to produce two runs and one RBI in a 12-8 loss to Louisiana-Monroe.

The UTPA squad matched the number of hits by Monroe with 15, but couldn't get them off base.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Watara Banks got the start in the Broncs three guard game, and used the opportunity to score 17 points, his second highest total of the season and had five assist.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The Lady Broncs have started to gain some momentum, with three wins in their last six games. Recently, the Lady Broncs have been led by Alexandra Gravel and freshman Lea Valdez.

TRACK & FIELD

Adrain Palacios placed 15th in the men's 800 meters with a time of 2:01.

In the women's 1600 meter race Olaya Teran came in 9th with a time of 5:27.

Laura Cruz placed 5th in women's long jump.



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Lady Broncs look to break two game skid at home

Eladio Jaimez
The Pan American

Freshman forward Lea Valdez scored a season high 21 points had seven steals and five rebounds in the UTPA Lady Broncs' (4-18) previous game against the Centenary College Ladies (0-20).

The numbers Valdez put up were good enough to earn her Independent Women's Player of the Week for the week of January 24-31.

Head coach Kathy Halligan expects Valdez along with the rest of the team to step up for tomorrow's game against the Ladies.

"I hope to see all of them be consistent. I'm hoping to see the young players come out and play strong," Halligan said.

Offensively sophomore guard Alexandra Gravel is still the go to player on the court. Gravel is averaging 11.8 points a game and leads the team with 50 three pointers made.

Along with Valdez, Rachel Friedeck and Naima Williams lead a freshman class that has been a pleasant surprise for Halligan and the rest of the team.

Williams is averaging 5.1 rebounds a game and Friedeck has been a presence in the post for Halligan all season.

However, in their previous meeting Williams failed to score and had only one rebound. Friedeck scored three points and four boards.

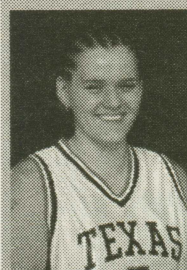
According to Halligan, how well they adjust will be key for Saturday.

"We're going to have to play good team defense to try and shut down anything they bring us," Halligan said. "Our offense will have to be ready for any defense they decide to play us."

With five of the remaining six games at home, Halligan feels optimistic about the outlook.

"We're in a great situation to finish the season on an up note. We'll be in front of a home crowd and the momentum can carry

Bronc Alexandra Gravel



Position: Guard

Height: 5-9

Classification: So.

Last outing: Took control of the game and led with 15 points and seven assist.

This season: Leads the team with 11.8 ppg and is shooting 32.5 % from the three point arc.

over for the next season," Halligan said.

Halligan's club will still be without guard Alexis Williams. Williams missed the last six games and is likely out for the remainder of the season.

Ladies Sandy Burris



Position: Guard

Height: 5-10

Classification: So.

Last outing: Paced the Ladies with four points and three steals.

This season: Has a 9.6 scoring average and two steals per game through 20 games.

The Lady Broncs will be taking on Belmont University on Saturday at 5:00 p. m. The game will be the first of a mens-women's double-header with the men tipping off at 7:30 p. m.

Men's golf begins season at Weslaco

Mireya Villarreal
The Pan American

The Men's Golf team will begin its season this weekend with a dual match against University of Nebraska. the team will play this coming Sunday and Monday at Tierra Santa Golf Course in Weslaco.

As the Broncs prepare to take on the University Nebraska huskies they turn to many of their younger players on the team to pull through this season.

Of the four freshmen recruited in the fall only three have returned to continue playing this Spring. Only two of the three freshmen have been present at all

fall tournaments.

Jordan Bunte will not be returning to play for UTPA this Spring due to academic reasons.

Ramiro Garcia was out the last two tournaments because of injuries. Todd Grubert and Santiago De Larrea are the two freshmen that have remained consistent though out this year's season.

Miguel de los Santos and Stephen Slaughter will be counted on for their upperdass leadership.

"I don't think we're ready yet because we haven't practiced enough. We just started a few weeks ago," said Grubert. "I think that we can compete with them if we have a good day."

Quick Hits

Men's tennis completes sweep

The UTPA men's tennis team began the spring season in Beaumont by sweeping their opponents despite a key injury during the competition.

Against Texas Southern, UTPA defeated the competition in straight sets with the exception of Sonny Ortiz who lost the second set 5-7 to Carey Booker.

UTPA was victorious against TSU 7-0 Enrique Bastante, Juan Saiz, and Unai Uranga all defeated their opponents in their matches against host Lamar University.

Cesar Vargas suffered an injury during the second set of his match against Chris

Chapman and had to retire from the competition.

Despite the setback UTPA won 4-3.

Head coach Scott Howard was forced to reshuffle his line up for their match against Centenary College. Saiz moved up to the three spot, Uranga to fourth and Ortiz to the fifth.

Cuesta and Bastante were playing the one and two spots, respectively and didn't move in the line up.

The sixth spot was automatically lost by default.

UTPA defeated Centenary 4-3.

The Broncs will next play UTSA and Texas A&M-Corpus Christi on February 12-13 at Corpus Christi.

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Broncs look to continue past success against Bruins

Mireya Villareal
The Pan American

The UTPA Men's Basketball team will anticipate a second win against the Belmont University Bruins Saturday night at the UTPA Fieldhouse.

The Broncs are coming off of two road games. The team was able to defeat the Texas A&M-Corpus Christ Islanders this past Saturday; however, they fell to Florida International Monday night.

UTPA played Belmont University on January 29 on their home court in Nashville, Tennessee. Brian Merriweather, 21 points, Watara Banks, 14 points, and Matt Palmquist, 12 points, led the team to a 80-73 victory over the Bruins.

During the game Belmont obtained 34 total rebounds in comparison to UTPA's 33. Overall, the Broncs shot 55.6 percent, and the Bruins were not far behind with 41.4 percent.

"We played intensely on defense and that's what was the key to winning the game," said Kwasinda Curtis.

Belmont University has a record of 6-17. They have been able to win one games on the road and five at home.

Bronc Kyle Sanders



Position: Forward

Height: 6-5

Weight: 185

Last outing: Sanders only played one minute due to a forearm to the mouth.

This season: Leads the team with 5 rpg and is second in points with 10.3.

Bronc basketball will have to keep a close eye on four players this Saturday. Wes Burtner has proved to be Belmont's go-to-guy with an average of 13.0 points per game (ppg) and 4.0 rebounds. Jay Lannin is also a big scorer with an average of 10.5 ppg.

B.J. Proffitt is not far behind Lannin with 10.3 ppg. Finally, the Bruins will rely on Michael Couey. Couey may not be the team's leading scorer, but he is the top rebounder with an average of 4.2 boards per game.

The Broncs will be looking out for a lot of shooting coming from the Bruin bench and will look to

Bruin Dougie Webb



Position: Guard

Height: 6-2

Weight: 190

Classification: Sr.

Last outing: Managed to score eight points, but only had one assist and committed two turnovers.

This season: Is averaging 8.4 ppg and 4.2 apg, tops on the team.

stop this with strong defense.

"I will try to play with as much intensity as possible and try to get the team to feed off of my emotions," said Curtis.

The Broncs currently have a 9-13 record. They have already surpassed the total wins compared to Delray Brooks two year stint.

Home court advantage has been helpful this season, going 6-4 at home.

UTPA is ranked second behind Albany among the independent teams. The Broncs have three games remaining against independent teams.



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Bronc guard Bernard Preston gets up in the air to make the pass to Kyle Sanders during practice.

Broncs battle nationally ranked Aggies

Eladio Jaimez
The Pan American

The UTPA Broncs will battle with the nationally ranked Aggies of Texas A&M.

The Broncs (1-2) and Aggies (1-3) are slated to hit the diamond at 3:00 p. m. for game one and will play a double-header beginning at 1:00 p. m. on Saturday.

Despite a bad outing by the relievers in game three against the University of Louisiana-Monroe, Bronc skipper Reggie Tredaway feels his relief pitchers will be key in this series.

"Levi (Frery) pitched about three innings in game one and one and a third in game two and that's going to take it's toll. If Mike Cox had not thrown the second game he would have been ready for the third game," Tredaway said. "The other guys have to come in and help out. We also have to find the right time to bring our freshmen in."

Tredaway expects junior Robbie White to see some action this weekend.

White will return to the mound after recovering from an injury last spring.

Tredaway will start the same rotation he started against ULM.

Jason Thompson will take the mound in game one, and Mike Calvert and Jason Garcia will get the nod for the double-header.

With the twin bill on Saturday and the depth Tredaway has in his club, starting two different teams is a possibility.

"We have a nine and seven inning game on Saturday. Everybody is available and we'll see how it goes," Tredaway said.

Daylan Holt comes to Edinburg as the Aggies top hitter. Holt is currently batting .412 and leads the team in slugging percentage with .588.

Last season against the Broncs, Holt belted three homeruns to tie a single game school record.

Probable starter for the Aggies in game one is Todd Deininger. Deininger has a

team leading 1.59 ERA, and is responsible for the club's only win this season.

Grant Gregg and Khalid Ballouli look to see some action in the double-header. Gregg and Ballouli have a combined record of 0-2, and have pitched slightly over five innings each.

Currently the Aggies are ranked 19 in the Baseball Weekly poll.

The Aggies are the first of three Big 12 ball clubs the Broncs will be facing this year.

Tredaway and his club will host the Texas Tech Red Raiders March 13-15, and travel to Austin to take on the Texas Longhorns March 21-22.

In their meeting last season, the Aggies swept the three-game series by a combined score of 48-8.

Junior Gary Sorden will be the only Bronc pitcher with experience against the Aggies. Last year Sorden pitched a total of two and two thirds innings in the first two games.

Where's the foul?



Nelson J. Gonzalez/The Pan American

Men's basketball Head Coach Bob Hoffman questions the referee about a play in a less than quiet manner.